

World Polymer Congress–MACRO 2006

Polymer-Promoting Life Quality

The 41st International Symposium on Macromolecules (Macro 2006), sponsored by IUPAC and the Brazilian Polymer Association, was held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from the 16th to 21st of July, 2006. This Congress was organized by the Brazilian Polymer Association, and sponsored by the Polymer Division of the International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry, and Brazilian Research Agencies, CAPES and CNPq. With 1120 participants from 50 countries, the MACRO2006 attracted 467 participants from Brazil and 653 from other countries.

Twelve plenary lectures were delivered by distinguished scientists, including one Nobel Laureate. A total of 1311 papers, 138 invited lectures, 222 oral contributed talks and 667 posters were presented in 13 ses-

sions of the Congress. The program of the meeting included the following topics:

Polymer Chemistry and Reaction Processes
Polymer Characterization
Polymer Processing
Structure and Properties of Polymers
Polymer Solutions and Gels
Polymer Blends and Composites
Modelling and Simulation
Novel Applications
Biomaterials And Environment
Recycling
Advances in Commercial Polymers
Polymer Education
International Cooperation

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of MACRO 2006 I would like to thank all participants for their presence and support for the success of this meeting.

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